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## Easter Week Revisited Bad Wednesday and the Burial that Wouldn't End

by Steven Saint

**T**he calendar of Christian feasts has more to do with the Christianization of pagan holidays than the accurate chronicling of historic church events. For instance, no one really claims that Jesus was born on Dec. 25. Christmas was placed at this time to Christianize the pagan feast of the Saturnalia, which honored the Roman sun god.

Likewise, Easter was wrested from the goddess Eostre and

on a Friday! It was Bad Wednesday, the Last Supper was on a Tuesday and it took two days to bury Jesus.

### The Last Supper was not a seder

Christian and Jewish scholars alike tend to agree that the account of the Last Supper in John's Gospel is at odds with Matthew, Mark and Luke, the "synoptic"



given a Christian meaning. While the Eastern Church set the date of Easter to follow the Jewish Passover — a rather historical approach — the Western Church opted to move the holiday around based on the original pagan formula of the first full moon following the Vernal Equinox.

I have always been perplexed by the traditional rendering of Easter Week, with Jesus conducting his Last Supper on a Thursday, dying on a Friday and rising on Sunday. The Nicene Creed, written in 325 A.D., states "on the third day he rose again from the dead." Jesus himself told the scribes and Pharisees "the Son of Man will be *three days and three nights* in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40).

By even the most liberal reckoning, Friday night to Sunday morning is two days. On the Jewish calendar, where days run from sundown to sundown, we come up with 1 1/2 days.

Eager to resolve this puzzle, I consulted my "Jesus Files" — reams of research materials on first-century Palestine that I began collecting during my year of travel in the Middle East. Slowly, the pieces started coming together. Jesus wasn't crucified

gospels (meaning "seen together") The Synoptics regard the Last Supper as a Passover seder while John sets the meal before Passover. John not only writes that the Last Supper was "just before the Passover Feast" (John 13:1), but notes that when the Jewish authorities took Jesus to Pilate in the early morning, they did not enter the palace of the unclean Gentile because "they wanted to be able to eat the Passover" (18:28).

John is correct, if the rest of the Passion story is to be be-

eating the seder. It is considered a sabbath no matter on which day of the week it falls, and Jews could not work. They could not run around and arrest Jesus, put him on trial, ship him back and forth between Pilate and Herod, carry his cross (as Simon from Cyrene does in Luke), or embalm him mummy-style (as Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do in

## **the jesus files**

John).

Further, John's gospel is correct if the actions of Judas are to be believed. In chapter 13, Jesus tells Judas to do his deed quickly. The disciples don't know where Judas, the group's treasurer, is going, but they speculate that he might be shopping for Passover or giving money to the poor (13:29). Both of these activities — indeed, even carrying money — are strictly forbidden on a sabbath. In fact, no shops would be open the evening of Passover.

Scholars say the Synoptic gospels make the Last Supper out to be Passover, but closer inspection reveals that they *actually agree* with John. Matthew begins his version "on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread" (26:17) as does Mark (14:12) and Luke (22:7).

Some confusion lies in equating the Feast of Unleavened Bread with Passover. The two fest-



mences *one sundown prior* to Passover. Jewish families are not only required to eat unleavened bread for eight days, they must remove all leaven from their homes on the "day of preparation."

So when Jesus tells his disciples to prepare the upper room for the Passover, he's not telling them simply to set the table. They must complete the ritual search for leaven a full 24 hours before the evening of Passover.

Confusion is caused by thinking in modern solar days. Mark and Luke note that the Passover lambs are sacrificed on the Preparation Day. In the 1st Century, Passover lambs were sacrificed in the temple the afternoon prior to Passover evening and taken home for further preparation before sundown. This means that the disciples cleared the upper room at

They ended up eating Passover without Jesus.

### Bad Wednesday

Jesus was crucified on the Preparation Day, a time when the entire population of Jerusalem (except the Romans) was busy getting lambs from the priests and readying homes for the seder.

There is a certain poetic symmetry to this not found in the traditions of the church. Judas is driven out of the group on the night of Unleavened Bread and Jesus dies at the exact time the Passover lambs are sacrificed.

John's gospel tells us the Jewish authorities were in a hurry to get the crucified criminals off their crosses before sundown, because of the High Holy Day, *not because it was a regular Friday*.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sun.
evening	evening				evening		
2ND DAY	DAY OF PREPARATION	LAST SUPPER	HIGH PRIESTS Gethsemane	Stage 1 burial	Stage 2 burial (mummy-style)	SABBATH	1ST DAY
morning	morning	morning	morning	morning	morning	morning	morning
3RD DAY	4TH DAY	5TH DAY	6TH DAY				

Jewish days (numbered) begin at sundown. Gentile days at sunrise.

leaved. Passover lasts eight days. The first night and following day is a High Holy Day, ushered in by

tivals, one the first-fruits rite for farmers, the other for herders, overlap. Unleavened Bread com-

night and ate the Last Supper, figuring they would pick up their Passover lamb the following day, and return for the seder the next night.

"Now it was the day of Preparation and the next day was to be a special Sabbath," John writes in

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# B Words

*Personal comments from Mayor Bob Burns*

## Think of a library

The site use committee for the Church property on Main Street is in place and soon will begin the task of making a big decision. The one acre piece of ground can be slightly enlarged by vacating the one block stretch of Church Street that lies between said property and City Hall.

One of the first ideas that came to mind when we considered purchase of the land, was a new library. It was an immediate emotional surge that appealed to almost everyone. A new, bigger facility, more centrally located and with all of the possibilities of multiple uses by the public. Some of the recently built libraries such as the Malcom X complex whetted appetites and conjured up grand visions of what might be for our community. Of the library, people are very enthused and full of ideas as well. Such a facility would truly be a wonderful thing for Lemon Grove.

However, a bit of inquiry of other communities has produced some sobering facts. In Poway, for instance, where they are in the process of doing the library thing, it was revealed to me that it will take "some four or five acres," and the estimated cost will be about the same in millions of dollars. I have no idea what the Malcom X facility entailed, but I would bet it is similar if not substantially more. It would seem that our little acre is far short of the land requirements and the money is an ever bigger problem in my estimation.

There is a possibility that some kind of joint powers venture involving the city and the school district, could provide the expanded library at our Lemon Grove Middle School. Possibly this could be a compromise plan for the library proposal. It has been done in other areas I am told. Also, there has been a suggestion that we might "get one of the vacant bank buildings and convert it into a library." Of course, this would involve a considerable amount of money unless we could get the property donated or get some very large grant funds to pay for the facility.

I must report that, in my discussions with residents around our town, there is some feeling out there that "we don't really need more library than we already have." Comments such as "It is barely used now" and "We need so many more urgent things such as police officers, street repair (Federal Boulevard) and clean up of our city."

Personally, I would hope that we could improve our library facility as well as these other things. If the Thren bequest can be used to accomplish this, then I would not like to see us lose that money, but to go in hock for millions to get it does not seem viable. The visions of what Lemon Grove may be tantalizing and it is certainly healthy to reach for the highest goals. Such dreams can also be heady wine and realism may well curtail the accomplishments of the same. The city is financially stable and enjoys the comfort of healthy reserves and a bright prospect of the future. Robert Kennedy's famous quote about the future is certainly a wonderful attitude to take, but it also follows that there are certain to be "why nots" that must be heeded.

There are many options that the site committee must consider, and I know they will come up with the right solution.

## Lemon Grove Sheriff Log

### Feb. 25-26, 1996

7600 blk. Mt. Vernon. Vehicle burglary. Drills/CD/CD PL. \$895 value.

### Feb. 25-29, 1996

8300 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Cable box/remote. \$137 value.

### Feb. 26, 1996

7500 blk. Broadway. Vehicle burglary. Cellular phone. \$200 value.

### Feb. 27, 1996

7400 blk. Madison Ave. Residential burglary. Car Stereo. \$300 value.

### Feb. 27-28, 1996

7100 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. Singer sewing machine. \$800 value.

### Feb. 28, 1996

7800 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Check book/checks. \$5.05 value.

2800 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. Case/Calc./cks. \$95

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High	Low
March 25	65
March 26	73
March 27	73
March 28	65
March 29	
March 30	72
March 31	76

## Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100

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- Columbus Pl./Lemon Grove Way. Traffic accident.
- Palm St./Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle tire.
- 7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Diabetic problem.
- 8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Difficulty breathing.
- 1600 blk. Drexel Dr. Reaction to medication.
- 8300 blk. Robbie Way. Person down.
- 7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Diabetic problem.
- 3200 blk. Olive St. Chest pains.
- 7800 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.
- 7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Diabetic problem.
- Hwy 94/College Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.
- 7500 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Medical aid.
- 7500 blk. Broadway. Abdominal pains.
- 2200 blk. Bonita St. Overdose.
- 8100 blk. Broadway. Chest pains.
- 2200 blk. Debeo Dr. Assist invalid.
- 2000 blk. Englewood Dr. Alarms ringing-residential.
- Lemon Grove Way/Grove St. Vehicle accident.
- 1500 blk. Koe St. Assist invalid.
- 7200 blk. Broadway. Unresponsive.
- 6800 blk. Central Ave. Child locked in auto.
- 8000 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Medical aid.
- 3200 blk. Olive St. Back injury.
- 2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. High blood pressure.
- 2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.
- 2100 blk. El Dora St. Fall.
- 1900 blk. Skyline Dr. Chest pains.
- 1800 blk. Ensenada St. Unconscious.
- Palm St./Skyline Dr. Traffic accident.
- 8100 blk. Broadway. Unconscious.
- 2600 blk. 69th St. Vegetation fire.
- 3200 blk. Main St. Medical aid.
- 2300 blk. 69th St. Traffic accident.
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# Easter Week Revisited

chapter 19:31. "They asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down."

Matthew insists twice that Jesus was entombed three days (12:40 and 27:63). Since the Resurrection is clearly placed on the 1st Day (Jewish days are numbered, not named after gods), Jesus must have been crucified on a Wednesday afternoon. The problem with confusing the sundown before Passover with a Friday sundown is it *unnecessarily* places Jesus in the tomb for only two days and two nights.

## Mummy style

The burial of Jesus is described in two very different ways. Matthew, Mark and Luke all write that Joseph of Arimathea, a devout Jewish leader, obtained permission from Pilate to bury Jesus, wrapped the body "in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb" (Matthew 27:59-60, Mark 15:46, Luke 23:53). The burial is hasty, as Jesus dies around 3 p.m. and Passover is to begin at sundown.

John alone describes the burial practice of 1st-century Palestine: Joseph and "Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen" (John 19:39-40).

This is a rather brief description of *mummy-style* burial, prevalent all over the Fertile Crescent in ancient times. Like modern paper maché, strips of linen were saturated with liquid spices and wrapped around the body. The head was left unwrapped. The cloths soon hardened, forming a cocoon which acted as the body's coffin. The face was covered with a cloth and the body placed in a tomb where it would soon decompose in the hot desert climate. This is how

the burial of Lazarus is described in John 11:44, in which Jesus tells the witnesses to unbind his risen friend from his linen cloths.

This procedure takes several hours and would not be possible in the short time left between 3 p.m. and sundown. Yet John refers to the mummification again in his resurrection account, chapter 20, verses 6-7: Peter "saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head."

The quick burial of the Synoptic gospels matches Joseph of Arimathea's time frame, but John's account matches the burial customs of the time. Some might call this a contradiction and end the story. Others might choose one over the other. Although it lies in the realm of speculation, I believe the two accounts describe two distinct phases of Jesus' burial, required because the holy days kept interrupting the process.

## Keep coming back

Luke writes that Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in a burial shroud and laid it in the tomb. He also notes that Jesus' followers from Galilee, women, "saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it" (John 23:55). They went home to prepare spices and perfumes.

Matthew's gospel says two of the women sat near the tomb when Joseph left. Matthew then immediately tells a story about the Jewish authorities going to Pilate and asking that Romans guard the tomb, lest the disciples steal the body and tell people Jesus rose from the dead.

Although Biblical movies might have chief priests visiting Pilate right after the crucifixion, they would surely be at home, preparing to celebrate the Passover. Besides, Pilate refuses their request, saying

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(literally), "You have a guard, make it as secure as you know how" (Matthew 27:65).

All of these texts indicate more time passing than possible in the traditional, telescoped version of Holy Week. Maybe, just maybe, it went something like this:

Jesus is crucified on Wednesday afternoon, the end of the 4th Day. Joseph wraps Jesus in a shroud and quickly places him in a tomb. Joseph and the disciples go eat the Passover.

All day Thursday, still the 5th Day, they observe the Holy Day and perform no work. Thursday night falls.

Joseph and Nicodemus awake on Friday, the 6th Day, and finish Jesus' mummy-style burial. But this day is another Day of Preparation, this time for the weekly Saturday Sabbath. By sundown, they roll back the stone and cease their labors, but the women are again prepared to come back.

On the morning of the first day, they return to the tomb to finish the job.

Sometime in the early hours of Sunday, after sundown when the Sabbath ended and the 1st Day began, something amazing happened at the tomb. The body of Jesus disappeared, leaving only the cocoon of hardened linen behind. That is why John writes in chapter 20, verse 8: "Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed."

*This is the fifth in a ongoing series of stories looking at the life of Christ through the eyes of first-century Jewish culture. It reflects the opinion of the author, who aside from publishing six weekly newspapers in East County, has written on religion for numerous magazines and contributed to the Serendipity Bible for Groups.*

## Connection with Santee closer

by Dave Schwab

Ground has been broken on the first leg of a project to link Interstate 8 in La Mesa with state Route 52 in Santee — via new construction on state Route 125 — making it easier for East County residents to travel west or south.

The project's first phase is a 4.4-mile stretch of SR-125 from the intersection of Fanita and Grossmont College drives to Mission Gorge Road in Santee. The

segment, scheduled to open by spring 1998, is estimated to cost \$61.5 million for right-of-way purchase and construction of six lanes. The project is also to include an interchange at the 125/52 junction.

"The section of 125 between I-8 and Route 52 will be built in three pieces," said Eric Pahlke, manager of engineering and project development for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), a county land use planning agency. "The sec-

ond phase is from Grossmont College Drive to Navajo Road, and the third is from Navajo to Fletcher Parkway, where it ends right now. We're anticipating having it done by about 2000 or 2001."

The entire SR 125 project from Fletcher Parkway to SR 52 is estimated to cost \$160 million, including \$88 million for property acquisition, according to Caltrans.

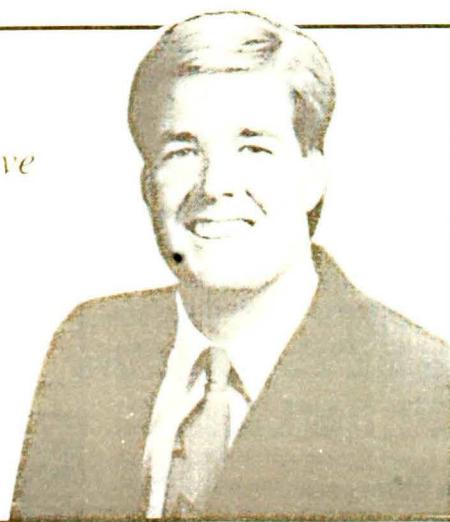
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## City moves general plan update into final stages; hearing set

Approximately one year after kicking off a community-based planning program, the Lemon Grove City Council will continue taking public comment on the draft General Plan on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Lemon Grove Middle School Auditorium.

As a comprehensive long-term plan for the city, the general plan establishes strategies to achieve community goals pertaining to development, transportation, aesthetics, public safety, the environment and other civic matters.

The general plan will serve as the blueprint for the city's future with the overarching goal of achieving the communities vision.

Some of the general plan policies identify development changes in several areas. The general plan envision a downtown village with a mix of shops, offices, restaurants and residences in addition to a new neighborhood commercial center in the southern portion of the city. However, the general plan calls for preservation and enhancements of the single-family neighborhoods comprising the majority of the city. Zoning amendments under consideration by the City Council would implement these land use policies.

The continued public hearing scheduled on Tuesday represents the culmination of a comprehensive public outreach program. To ensure opportunities for input from all Lemon Grove residents and business owners, the outreach program included two town meetings, over 17 meetings of the general plan advisory committee and a city-wide survey. The city also met with local school children for input on the future of Lemon Grove. The City Council encourages the community to attend the upcoming public hearing and provide comment.

The draft general plan proposed zoning ordinance amendments and the companion master environmental impact report are available for review at City Hall.

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## Second in votes should get job

by Steven Saint

The mayor's race is over. The painful rivalry between Mary Sessom and Craig Lake has become an open wound that will take time to heal. The inevitable vacancy on the council — the empty chair left when Sessom takes Bob Burns' place in May — is a symbol of that wound.

The council has the first right to appoint someone to fill that seat. An expensive special election will be triggered if the members can't agree. Whomever Sessom favors will be distrusted by Lake and vice versa. No one

will want to be on the butt end of endless 3-2 votes.

The problem is the filling of vacancies becomes political, with everyone trying to appoint 1) someone who will vote his or her way, and 2) someone who won't be a political threat later on.

The Lemon Grove City Council should avoid that political quagmire like Federal Boulevard after a good rain. It's really simple: Dick Whitmore should be appointed.

It's not that Whitmore has run three times for council (although he has). It's not that Whitmore has more enthusiasm and interesting ideas than the other prospects

in Lemon Grove (although he does). It just comes down to the fact that he came in second behind Dwight Shelley.

I call it the Automatic Appointment. Let the voters decide. Fill vacancies with the person who had the next highest amount of votes in the most recent election. It's a far more democratic method than having three council members pick someone out of the blue.

It's not personal. It's not political. It's just democratic and automatic. Ranger Dick Whitmore received 731 votes Tuesday. That should count for something.

## Commentary

by Paul Treske

At last the California primaries are over, with the expected results. And March Madness basketball has ended with less than happy results for his writer. Now, what we look forward to is a long campaign that will start slowly, gather speed during the summer and end in an exciting fall climax. Am I speaking of the national elections? Hardly ... I'm talking about baseball!

The grand old game has damaged itself deeply in the past several years and has been replaced in the hearts of most American sports fans by football and basketball. Insufferable greed and ego on the part of both owners and players has led to snarling threats and work stoppages, leaving the fans of the game wounded and bitter.

Sociologists also acknowledge that modern America's penchant for violence and action has placed professional football, the American gladiator experience in which 300-pound mastodons smash at each other until a whistle blows, ahead of baseball in popularity. Even pro basketball, with its gangly seven-footers dunking the ball in an elevated basket, is more popular due to its nonstop action.

But it's baseball for me ... that leisurely, symmetrical game played on a shining green carpet by normal sized men ... the only major team sport not governed by a clock. Rather than a game of violence, or nonstop action, it is a game of situations,

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some of which so exciting and prolonged as to be almost unbearable. It is a game of records and statistics and of proud and noble history. It is a game of amazingly developed individual skills that are almost balletic in nature.

Most of all, however, it is a game whose pleasure lies in following it, more than in watching any individual game. The non-fan who attends an occasional game that ends 7-0 for the opposition, claims that it is a slow-moving bore. But to the follower, even such a game can be filled with myriad bits of great interest.

Did batter A continue his lengthy hitting streak? Did fielder B, whose defensive skills have been suspect, make several exceptional plays promising more for the future? Did relief pitcher C, whose recent offerings have been like pouring white gas on a fire, finally throw highly effective innings, again promising better for the future?

There are dozens of such bits of interest and discussion in every game that the true follower of the game revels in and the occasional attendee misses. Baseball is a season, not an individual contest, and its joy is in the daily perusing of box scores and statistics. In short, it is the thinking persons game, which is why, despite its ups and downs, it remains deep in the hearts of its followers.

The season has started, so ... PLAY BALL!

## Reel thoughts

### 'Two Much' is just too much

by Betty Jo Tucker

Antonio Banderas tries valiantly, but with little success, to give his new film, "Two Much," the screwball comedy look of those old classics like "The Lady Eve" and "Some Like It Hot."

In this recent release from Touchstone Pictures, Banderas plays an art gallery owner, deeply in debt, who woos two wealthy sisters (Melanie Griffith and Daryl Hannah) by conning them into thinking he is twin brothers Art and Bart Dodge.

The always watchable Banderas ("Never Talk to Strangers," "Desperado," etc.) shows considerable talent for comedy. His timing and physical energy account for most of the few laughs in "Two Much." Joan Cusack's amusing performance as Art Dodge's secretary gets the rest of the chuckles. Unfortunately, the movie fails to click, mostly because it runs Dodge's "double identity" shtick into the ground.

Surprisingly, the sparks we expected to see between Banderas and his current real life love, Melanie Griffith, never come across on the screen in this sometimes even boring film. What a disappointment! In fact, I was so disappointed by this movie (and by Banderas' last film, "Four Rooms"), that I began thinking about what this dynamic actor could do to get his career back on target.

His next two movies, "Evita" and the Spielberg re-make of "Zorro," sound promising, but his fans would really like to see him in more romantic roles like Tyrone Power used to play. For example, how about a re-make of "Blood and Sand" with Banderas as the matador, Gabrielle Anwar ("Scent of a Woman") in the Linda Darnell role and Sharon Stone ("Basic Instinct," "Casino") playing the Rita Hayworth-type femme fatale?

It's only fair to mention that not everyone shares



Antonio Banderas tries to make Melanie Griffin (top) and Daryl Hannah happy in "Two Much."

my negative opinion of "Two Much." Upon leaving the screening, I overheard this enthusiastic comment, "I really like this movie a lot, Mom, especially those two brothers!" This quickie review came from a female Banderas fan of about six or seven. (And, yes, I must admit it is very painful to pan any Banderas movie.)

## Letters to the Editor

### Federal Blvd. is the worst problem

Dear Editor:

You are all familiar with the dangerous flooding of Federal Boulevard and I know that you are trying to find ways to pay for a new sewer line, a new drainage system and a new road. I feel that the residents of this city are not being made aware of the damages that this city would face if a very serious incident takes place due to failure of the city to correct the problems. The excuse that the inadequate drainage system was inherited from the county does not relieve the responsibility of the city to rebuild it. There are new laws that now require that it be done. It should have been done when the city incorporated. Instead drainage systems in other parts of the city were improved and new construction went on adding to increased flooding in the Federal Boulevard area.

It is for the above reasons that I am bringing to your attention a judgement that was rendered in the Municipal Court of El Cajon by Judge Christine Goldsmith, which is enclosed. This judgement refers to a claim we filed against one of the property owners on Federal Blvd., because he had partially obstructed a drainage ditch and more water than ever flooded across adjoining property and into our buildings. What Judge Goldsmith decided was that 20 percent of the flooding was caused by the other property owner and the rest was caused by the city. It seems the wrong party was sued.

"The rain storm of Feb. 14, 1995, was extreme in its size and volume. Due to a variety of factors, including the poor design of the Federal Blvd. and the City of Lemon Grove's failure to provide proper drainage and/or supervise the increased development in the area, the section of Federal Blvd., in which Plaintiff maintains his business was severely flooded and damaged. A portion of Plaintiff's damages are attributable to Defendant who, without permits, significantly modified, altered and reduced the drainage in and around plaintiff's property. The court assesses defendants share of responsibility at 20 percent.

Therefore, judgement is entered in favor of Plaintiff against Defendant in the sum of \$1,000, plus costs of \$40."

The property owners along Federal Boulevard, feel that they have all been victims of the city's inaction on this situation for many years.

The residents of this city should be better informed of the urgency of getting this problem solved and realize the liability the city faces if someone is greatly harmed. Give this matter the priority it deserves and let's all work together to get the problem solved. It must be done. Stop draining more water into this area until it is done.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the *Lemon Grove Review* to print. It is amazing that so many of the candidate for office do not realize that this is the Biggest problem in Lemon Grove.

RUBY M. WINTERS

Vice President, E.W. Truck & Equipment Co., Inc.

### The Positive Side

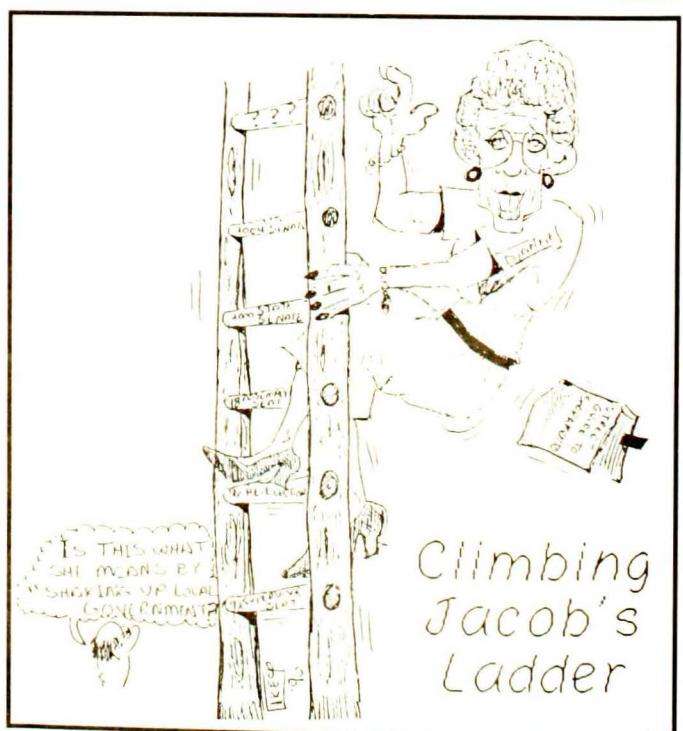
This is a letter on the positive side. I noticed in the letter section everyone was angry.

On Saturday, March 30, I was on my way to the Santee Swap Meet. At 7:20 a.m. on Hwy 52 near Mast, I ran out of gas.

A very kind man named Steve, who works in Los Angeles stopped. He took me to get gas and made sure I got going. Being a disabled senior, this was wonderful to know people care.

With all the mistrust in the world, if more caring for another human were shown, maybe we could go back to TRUST. Thanks, Steve.

ELAINE LANE  
Santee



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## 'Return Engagements' to open

The Lamplighters Community Theatre presentation of "Return Engagements," a drama/comedy by Bernard Slade, will open April 12 at the Theatre, 8053 University Ave. (next to the La Mesa Library).

"Return Engagements" follows three couples, all guests at an inn in Ontario, Canada, a tipsy actress and bellboy, a gutsy Polish woman and a



carpenter, and an acid-tongued columnist and his cool psychotherapist wife.

We meet them 20, 25 and 30 years later and learn, much to our merriment, how they all "ended

up." And we learn how, ultimately, their stories are all linked together.

Directed by Margo Essman and co-produced by Paul Ericson and Gladys Ronney, the cast includes, Karalee Austin, William Fredrick, Celeste Innocenti, Gary Kiser, Reina Menasche, Mark Moore, Dale Morris and Amee Wood.

"Return Engagements" will run weekends from April 12 through May 12. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will be presented at 2 p.m. There will be one Thursday performance on April 25.

For information and reservations, call 464-4598.

## Craftsmen exhibit set

Grossmont College Hyde Gallery will present a mixed media exhibition by members of the "Allied Craftsmen," between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Monday and continuing through April 26. Admission is free.

This year's exhibition at Grossmont College presents work in clay, metal, fibre, wood and jewelry from this nearly 50-year-old organization. Previous annual exhibits have often been held at the San Diego Museum of Art.

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In addition, Al Turner and the KSON Flatbed Show will be on hand to provide entertainment. The flatbed show will be from noon to 3 p.m.

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# Easter Events

## Way of the Cross

The Hispanic community of St. John of the Cross Catholic Church will present "Viacrucis" (the Way of the Cross), a live re-enactment of the crucifixion of Christ Jerusalem from 3 to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, on the church grounds at 8086 Broadway.

The play is free to the public.

A centuries-old tradition in the Hispanic world, the Viacrucis re-enacts the path that Jesus traveled, carrying his cross from Jerusalem to Calvary.

It will be presented in Spanish.

## Tenebrae Service

Lemon Grove Lutheran Church will hold a traditional Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, at the church located at 2055 Skyline Drive.

Also called the "Shadows," the Tenebrae involves the gradual darkening of the sanctuary as candles are extinguished between readings from the Passion narratives.

The congregation finally leaves the church in silence and darkness.

## Easter Sunrise

Lemon Grove Lutheran Church will hold a sunrise service, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, located at 2055 Skyline Drive. Special music will include the Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, handbells and a special trumpet section. Childcare will be available at no charge.

An Easter Breakfast will be offered after the service from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. For more information, call 465-7301.

## Sunrise on Mt Helix

The annual Mount Helix Easter Sunrise Service was rained out last year. Weather permitting, Sunday's service will commence at 6:30 a.m. This year's worship

will be coordinated by La Mesa 1st United Methodist Church, in tandem with the church's 100th anniversary. Choirs from La Mesa 1st United Methodist and Foothills United Methodist Church will perform. Rev. Steve Petty from La Mesa First United Methodist will give the sermon, while Reverend John Farley from Foothills will give the invocation and Easter prayer.

A shuttle service from the parking lot by the fire station on Vivera Street will be provided by McClellan Buick and the La Mesa Rotary Club.

## Sunrise at Trinity

A celebration of Easter will be held at sunrise, 6:30 a.m., Easter Sunday at the foot of the cross on the grounds of Trinity Church,

3902 Kenwood Dr. in Spring Valley. The outdoor service will be held with a hilltop view of the sunrise. Rev. Randy Yenter will give the Easter message with special music provided by trumpeters and a vocal quartet.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be served after the service. To reach the church, exit Highway 94 at Spring Street to Campo Road, then go one block east to Kenwood Drive. For more information, call the church office at 465-3011.

## Gospel Easter

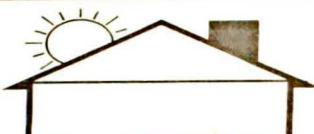
The British Continentals will present a concert of contemporary Christian music, "Celebrate Before The Lord," at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday at the Spring Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3310 Bancroft St.

Featuring over 25 cast members, including vocalists, instrumentalists, dramatists and technicians, the Continentals invite people to celebrate, exalt, praise and remember the life and work of Christ.

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Assigned File No 9603780

The Name of the Business:

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ALYSIS WOODS

10267 EAST HAVEN DR

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ERIN M. MATHISRUD

1506 WOODPINE DR

EL CAJON, CA 92019

JANETTE H. MATHISRUD

1506 WOODPINE DR

EL CAJON, CA 92019

This business is conducted by:

a General Partnership

The transaction of business began on Feb. 2, 1996

Signature of Registrant:

ALYSIS WOODS

This statement was filed with

Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/

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On 04/18/96 at 10:00 A.M., Equitable Deed Company, as successor in interest by merger to Continental Auxiliary Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 11/07/91 as Document No. 1991-0675753 Book - Page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by Gerald Chairs and Michelle Chairs, husband and wife Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as "EXHIBIT A" PARCEL A: Parcel 4 of Parcel Map No 7044, in the County of San Diego, State of California, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, March 23, 1978 as instrument No. 78-115060 of Official Records. PARCEL B: An easement and right of way for ingress and egress, road and utility purposes, including, but not limited to, water, power, telephone, gas, water, sewer and cable television lines and appurtenances thereto, together with the right and power to convey the same to others over, under, along and across the Northwesternly 30.00 feet and the Westernly 15.00 feet of Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No 7044, in the County of San Diego, State of California, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, March 23, 1978 as instrument No. 78-115060 of Official Records. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$183,462.53. 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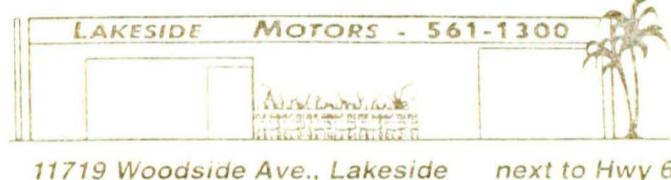
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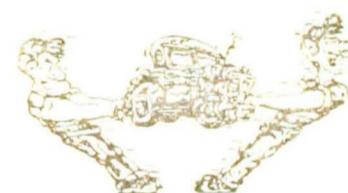
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